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H. R. 894

To ensure the safety of expeditionary facilities, infrastructure, and equipment supporting United States military operations overseas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ORTIZ (for himself and Mr. BRADY of Texas) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Safe Facili-
5 ties and Equipment for American Troops Overseas Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CERTIFICATION OF SAFETY OF EXPEDITIONARY FA-**
2 **CILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND EQUIP-**
3 **MENT SUPPORTING UNITED STATES MILI-**
4 **TARY OPERATIONS OVERSEAS.**

5 (a) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—In order to ensure
6 the safe utilization by the Armed Forces of expeditionary
7 facilities, infrastructure, and equipment supporting
8 United States military operations overseas, the Secretary
9 of Defense shall certify to the congressional defense com-
10 mittees, by not later than 60 days after the date of the
11 enactment of this Act, that each of the following actions
12 have been accomplished:

13 (1) That generally accepted industry standards
14 for the safety of personnel are incorporated into
15 military regulations establishing requirements for fa-
16 cilities, infrastructure, and equipment, including
17 standards with respect to fire protection and struc-
18 tural integrity, and standards with respect to elec-
19 trical systems, water treatment, and telecommuni-
20 cation networks.

21 (2) That each contract or task or delivery order
22 carried out for the construction, installation, repair,
23 maintenance, or operation of expeditionary facilities
24 for the Armed Forces overseas incorporates gen-
25 erally accepted industry standards for the safety of
26 personnel utilizing such facilities.

1 (3) That the standards required under para-
2 graphs (1) and (2) apply in all current and future
3 United States military operations overseas.

4 (b) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-
5 FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense
6 committees” has the meaning given that term in section
7 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

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